

# FTIP WORKSHOP

## March 26, 2002

### NOTES

#### **Speaker: Wade Hobbs, FHWA**

- I. FTIPs and the FSTIP must be financially constrained. Wade discussed the difference between “available funds” and “reasonably available funds”.

- 1) In nonattainment and maintenance areas:

Projects included in the first two years of the current TIP must be limited to those for which funds are “available”

Available funds currently exist and are dedicated to or historically used for transportation purposes and are shown as available in the financial plan

Projects included in the third year of the TIP (or any of the three years in attainment areas) must be limited to those for which funds are “reasonably available”

Reasonably Available funds are new funding sources. The financial plan must document action steps to ensure fund availability.

- II. Using CTIPs to address conformity-related data issues.

Wade discussed the opportunity to, and importance of, using CTIPS to help identify conformity issues.

The CTIPS-FTIP Project Data Entry screen has three areas of significance:

- 1) The “Conformity” box. Use this box for non-exempt projects even if it’s not a “capacity increasing project”. Projects which are checked as “Capacity increasing project” are assumed to be NON-EXEMPT.
- 2) The “Environmental” box. This box is used to identify completed or anticipated completion date of environmental documents. It’s useful if conformity issues arise.
- 3) The “Project Description” box should include exempt information as well.

Strongly encourage agencies to prepare now for potential future TIP issues i.e. the need for an interim TIP (conformity lapse, freeze). Identify projects without conformity issues that could proceed:

*(Note, I’m not sure if these are the correct categories)*

- 1) exempt projects
- 2) regionally significant projects without federal funds
- 3) projects already underway

Agencies should be able to identify implications and/or consequences of a lapse. Identify projects which may be impacted and the significance of the impact.

TIPs are due to FHWA by September 1, 2002 for approval by October 1, 2002.

**Speakers: Bob Butler, Division of Budgets – Office of Federal Resources**  
**Dave Thompson, Local Assistance**

Bob Butler provided an overview of the Division of Budget, Office of Federal Resources, roles and responsibilities.

Dave Thompson provided an overview of the Local Assistance roles and responsibilities.

**FOLLOW-UP / ACTION ITEMS**

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| 1) Clarify Caltrans' "POP" requirements<br>Report at next DBUG meeting   | Rambabu Bavirisetty |
| 2) Agencies have requested notification of fund availability<br>Dave will research and respond   | Dave Thompson       |
| 3) Request to increase Administrative Amendment authority<br>from 20%/\$2M to 20%/\$3M. <b>The 20% - \$2M threshold<br/>will remain.</b>   | Greg Wong           |
| 4) Provide notification of the next FTIP/CTIPS training session.<br>The next session of "Developing the 2002 FTIP using CTIPS"<br>Session is as follows: April 30, 2002 (Tuesday)<br>Caltrans Training Center<br>1616 29 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.<br>RSVP: David Fairchild<br>(916) 657-5066 | Kurt Scherzinger    |